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Hubert VAN DEN BERGH, Patrice JICHLINSKI  
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For : SOLUTION FOR DIAGNOSING OR TREATING  
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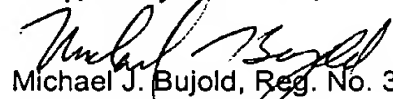
**PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TERM**

Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension, in order to respond to the official action mailed December 5, 2002, thereby extending the term for response to and including **April 5, 2003**. A check in the amount of \$55, based on the Applicant's small entity status.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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